

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## SIX DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS AT FORT LEONARD WOOD

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that six defendants have been charged, in separate and unrelated cases, with various federal offenses at Fort Leonard Wood.

\* Matthew L. Harman, 29, of Newburg, Mo., was charged with stealing in a federal information filed in U.S. District Court in Springfield on Feb. 25, 2004. The information alleges that **Harman** stole approximately \$497 worth of clothing, Actifed, Sudafed, and Pharmacist Formula Pseudoephedrine at Fort Leonard Wood on July 10, 2002.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin S. Hillman. It was investigated by Fort Leonard Wood AAFES Security, Fort Leonard Wood Military Police Investigations, and Fort Leonard Wood Criminal Investigation Command.

\* **Regina McCray**, 29, of Waynesville, Mo., was charged with stealing in a federal information filed in U.S. District Court in Springfield on Feb. 25, 2004. The information alleges that **McCray** stole approximately \$719 worth of cigarettes, liquor, computer games and video games at Fort Leonard Wood on July 10, 2003.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin S. Hillman. It was investigated by Fort Leonard Wood AAFES Security and Fort Leonard Wood Military Police Investigations.

\* **Rebekah Cole**, 24, of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., was charged with embezzlement in a federal information filed in U.S. District Court in Springfield on Feb. 25, 2004. The information alleges that **Cole**, who was employed as a teller at Armed Forces Bank at Fort Leonard Wood, embezzled \$500 from the bank on Jan. 3, 2004.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin S. Hillman. It was investigated by Fort Leonard Wood Criminal Investigation Command.

\* James M. Colvin, 54, of Richland, Mo., was charged with passing bad checks in an eight-count federal information filed in U.S. District Court in Springfield on Feb. 25, 2004. Each count of the information alleges a separate instance in which Colvin passed a check payable to Davis Club Bingo at Fort Leonard Wood from Sept. 26, 2002 to Oct. 17, 2002. The information alleges that Colvin wrote a total of \$948 in insufficient funds checks drawn on the Bank of Crocker.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin S. Hillman. It was investigated by Fort Leonard Wood Military Police Investigations.

\* Warren E. Hall, 23, of Waynesville, Mo., was charged with trespassing on military property in a federal information filed in U.S. District Court in Springfield on Feb. 25, 2004. The information alleges that Hall re-entered Fort Leonard Wood without authorization on Dec. 30, 2003, following an order by the officer in command not to re-enter.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin S. Hillman. It was investigated by Fort Leonard Wood Military Police.

\* Leon D. Culpepper, 36, of St. Robert, Mo., was charged with various traffic violations in an eight-count federal information filed in U.S. District Court in Springfield on Feb. 25, 2004.

Counts One through Four of the federal information allege that, on four separate occasions from June 2 to Nov. 2, 2003, **Culpepper** was driving at Fort Leonard Wood with a suspended operator's license. Counts Five and Six of the federal information allege that, on two separate occasions on July 17 and Nov. 2, 2003, **Culpepper** exceeded the posted speed limit while driving at Fort Leonard Wood. Count Seven of the federal information alleges that on Oct. 16, 2003, **Culpepper** failed to exhibit an insurance identification card after being stopped by a law enforcement officer, and failed to maintain auto liability insurance as required by state law. Count Eight of the federal information alleges that **Culpepper** failed to obey a stop sign while driving at Fort Leonard Wood on Oct. 16, 2003.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin S. Hillman. It was investigated by Fort Leonard Wood Military Police.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these informations are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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